

NEW REGULATIONS FOR TRUCK DRIVERS PROPOSED IN BILL

Labor Member Asks Two
Operators on 200-
Mile Trips

STARLINGS OUTLAWED

No operator or driver of a commercial motor vehicle shall work more than a total period of ten hours in twenty-four consecutive hours, proposed legislation introduced in the Ontario Legislature by Earl Hutchinson (Labor, Kenora) provides. Such period of ten hours shall include the time in which the operator has been engaged in any other work for himself or any other person.

It is also proposed that where any trip or round trip exceeds a distance of 200 miles, the employer shall place not less than two operators in charge for the whole of the trip, and no operator shall drive for more than one-half the distance or for more than one-half of the time. Penalties for contravention of the act are provided both for drivers and their employers.

A section of the bill gives the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council the power to make regulations as to hours of work and periods of rest; as to the requirement of certificates of qualification of physical fitness, and generally for the better carrying out of the provisions of the act.

Municipal Councils are authorized, with approval of the Municipal Board, to issue debentures for a term not exceeding ten years, for direct relief and for work for unemployment relief, in a bill respecting relief measures introduced by the Minister of Labor. The municipality will not be required to have the assent of the electors, if the Municipal Board authorizes the issue.

The Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council is given the fullest powers under the bill to meet almost every situation which may arise and to make any agreements with the Dominion Government which may be found necessary.

A bill to amend the Game and Fisheries Act provides that starlings shall be included among birds that may be slaughtered without incurring a penalty; that farmers' shooting licenses are confined to counties or territorial districts in which they reside; that trespassing provisions shall include fishing as well as hunting; and that dogs be prohibited in the hunting of mink and otter. Several other minor amendments passed by committee are included.

Bills to give effect to several items passed by committees during the session were introduced by Hon. William Finlayson. They affect the Assessment Amendment Act, and the Municipal Act.

FULL STUDY LIKELY OF INCOME TAXES IN MUNICIPALITIES

Two Bills Sponsored by To-
ronto M.P.P.'s Defeated
in Committee

SINCLAIR BILL APPROVED

It was indicated in the Municipal Committee of the Ontario Legislature yesterday that a complete study of municipal income taxes and assessment thereon would be made at the 1934 session of the Ontario Legislature. Members of the committee and Chairman Hon. William Finlayson voiced the opinion that the whole question should be studied, when the committee threw out two bills sponsored by local members for the City of Toronto.

The defeated measures were the bill which sought to define the head office of a corporation for income tax purposes; and that to assess holding companies on income instead of business. Both met with disapproval by members on the ground that the city would be more likely to suffer through businesses being forced out of the municipality.

In opposing the bill to define head offices of corporations and industries as their chief places of business, Victor Ross, Vice-President of Imperial Oil Limited, explained that his company could easily declare that its head office was in some southern country where a great deal of its business was carried on. Mr. Ross declared that Imperial Oil had received an invitation from Montreal to move its offices there, and the offer had been renewed recently.

"I think it would be wise to clean up income tax legislation by referring the whole question to some special body," declared H. L. Cummings, Municipal Law Clerk.

"The sooner the better," asserted T. A. Murphy (Conservative, Toronto Beaches).

At the conclusion of the committee's final sitting, Chairman Finlayson intimated that a study would be made next year.

The committee approved Liberal House Leader Sinclair's bill to allow cities of 45,000 or under to have a Mayor and two Controllers to act as a Board of Control. At present cities over that population have the right to the Board of Control system, and it is now extended to all cities.

Indication was also given in committee that the approved bill setting a flat 35-mill rate for income taxes would be thrown out of the House.

Bill Allows Loans Up to \$30,000,000

The Ontario Government seeks authorization for loans, not to exceed \$30,000,000 for the current fiscal year, in a bill introduced in the Legislature yesterday by Premier Henry. Purposes of the loan include: For the public service; for works carried on by Commissioners in behalf of the Province; for covering any debt of Ontario on open account; for paying any floating indebtedness; and for carrying on any public works authorized by the Legislature. The terms of any loan required under the authorization shall not exceed 40 years and a special sinking fund is provided and such sinking fund may be at a greater rate than half of one per cent. per annum.